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SUBJECT: AUGUST 6 EA PRESS SUMMARY

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1. GWERTZMAN (NYT) OBSERVES THAT SECSTATE SUPREME COURT AFFIDAVIT FILED AUG. 5 IN CONNECTION WITH REP. HOLTZMAN'S SUIT TO CEASE CAMBODIAN BOMBING IMMEDIATELY REVEALS US-CAMBODIAN PLANS FOR EMERGENCY INCREASES GKR FORCES; ACCELERATED DELIVERY MILITARY EQUIPMENT, ESPECIALLY AIRCRAFT; INCREASED DELIVERIES FOOD, MEDICINE AND RELIEF SUPPLIES, AND REDEPLOYMENT GKR FORCES FROM EXPOSED TO MORE DEFENSIBLE POSITIONS. SECSTATE SAYS PRE-AUG. 15 BOMBING HALT WOULD PERMIT INSURGENTS DISRUPT PLANS AND EXPOSE US PERSONNEL TO RISKS. GWERTZMAN QUOTES OTHER OFFICIALS HOPE GKR CAN HOLD OUT AFTER AUG. 15 LONG ENOUGH TO PERSUADE INSURGENTS ACCEPT C-F AND NEGOTIATE (ALSO SCHMIDT, CSM; SUN; UPI, WP).

2. SUN (UPI) REPORTS OTHER EIGHT JUSTICES' REVERSAL OF DOUGLAS RULING TO HALT CAMBODIAN BOMBING IMMEDIATELY. SCHMIDT SEES SUPREME COURT CASE AS ONE CAMBODIAN BATTLE PRES. HAS WON.

3. SFRC HOLDS FURTHER PUBLIC HEARINGS THIS WEEK ON SECRET CAMBODIAN BOMBING, LAOS AND CAMBODIA CLANDESTINE OPERATIONS AND ALLEGED ATTACKS ON COMMUNIST HOSPITALS (WP, UPI; WSJ).

4. CAMBODIAN FLIERS NOW WEAR PATCHES ON BACK UNIFORM WITH GKR FLAG AND KHMER, VIETNAMESE AND CHINESE INSCRIPTIONS REQUESTING POW TREATMENT AS PER INTERNATIONAL AGREEMENTS IF CAPTURED; US WWII AIRMEN WORE SIMILAR PATCHES (AP PHINQ, NYT, SUN).

5. FANK RETAKES VEAL SBOU VILLAGE NEAR PP AFTER THREE-DAY BATTLE AND HEAVY DESTRUCTION; ONE FRENCH (FREELANCE), ONE HK (CBS) TWO CAMBODIAN (ONE ABC, ONE UPI) NEWSMEN WOUNDED; INSURGENTS WITHDREW IN UNCLASSIFIED

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GOOD ORDER. SKIRMISHES TWO MI FROM POCHENTONG AND FIVE MI NE PP. GKR AND FIELD REPORTS CONFLICT CONCERNING REOPENING RTE 1 FOR 15 MI S PP (AP NYDN, NYT; WP; PHINQ; SEIDEN, SUN). TRUCK CONVOYS ARRIVE PP FROM KOMPONG SOM AND BATTAMBANG (PHINQ; WP). BOMBING INTERRUPTED WHEN FRONT LINES TOO CLOSE (WSJ). REFUGEES STREAM INTO PP (WSJ; WP). GKR SAYS 150,000 REFUGEES ARRIVE PP PAST FEW DAYS, FEARS REDS INFILTRATE WITH REFUGEES; NCNA QUOTES INSURGENTS REPORT PENETRATION INTO PP AND CUT COMMUNICATIONS WITH OUTSIDE (WP). INSURGENTS PUSH TOWARD BRIDGE S END PP (PHINQ). REFUGEES SAY US BOMBING AND KILLING CIVILIANS GREATLY FEARED; NO US EMBASSY COMMENT,

BUT OTHER DIPLOMATS STATE BOMBING ACCIDENTS INCREASINGLY COMMON (SUN).

6. AFP QUOTES SIHANOUK THAT AUG 15 BOMBING HALT INSIGNIFICANT AND PRES. WILL FIND OTHER WAYS PROLONGING WAR (WP). BURNS (CSM) REPORTS SIHANOUK PLANS DEPART PEKING SOON FOR ME TOUR DASH US HOPES MEETING WITH HAK. DIPLOMATS IN PEKING BELIEVE PRC ENCOURAGES SIHANOUK ABSENCE TO SHOW INTENTION NOT INTERVENE ON HAK BEHALF. SIHANOUK'S OPTION FOR BATTLEFIELD SOLUTION SEEN AS GAMBLE THAT SVN WILL NOT INTERVENE. SOME REASON EXISTS TO SUSPECT SIHANOUK AND PRC APPARENT ESCHEWAL NEGOTIATED SETTLEMENT DUE INTRANSIGENCE KHMER COMMUNISTS.

7. GREENWAY (WP) DESCRIBES PP OUTWARD AIR OF CALM, CONTINUING PARTIES, UNREAL EAT-DRINK-AND-BE-MERRY. GENERAL ACCEPTANCE GKR DOOMED; MORE FOREIGNERS LEAVING. FRENCH LEAST CONCERNED. UNCERTAINTY COULD DRAG ON FOR WEEKS OR MONTHS, BUT AVERAGE CAMBODIAN RESIDENT INDIFFERENT, FATALISTIC.

8. KANN OF WSJ SAYS US B-52 FLIERS U-TAPAO SEE BOMBING CAMBODIA AS IMPERSONAL TASK BUT ARE GLAD END NEARS BECAUSE MIGHT GO HOME. SOME THAI CONCERN ON ECONOMIC CONSEQUENCES US PHASEDOWN OFFSET BY PRESSURE TO REDUCE US PRESENCE.

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9. RLG AND PL AGREE IN PRINCIPLE ON JOINT GOVT., BUT BICKERING ON DETAILS BRINGS STALEMATE (PHINQ; NYDN, AP).

10. IN SVN HEAVIEST FIGHTING IN WEEKS RAGES FROM HUE TO DELTA, WITH BATTLE 50 MI SE AND TRAIN BLOWN UP 25 MI NE SAIGON; HUE PERIMETER HIT WITH 300 MORTAR ROUNDS (CHITRIB; PHINQ; WSJ; NYT, REUTER; SUN, AP; CSM). PRG WARNS GVN IN FACE PERSISTENT RUMORS THAT HELP TO LON NOL WOULD BE VIOLATION PARIS AGREEMENT (CSM). OVER 100 COMMUNIST C-F VIOLATIONS PAST 24 HOURS (WP; NYT REUTER). THIEU SAYS REDS PREPARE NEW OFFENSIVE (AP NYDN, SUN).

11. BUTTERFIELD (NYT) DESCRIBES HARD TIMES IN PLEIKU FOLLOWING DEPARTURE GIS AND EASY MONEY; JOBS TIGHT, BAR-GIRLS UNEMPLOYED, MONTAGNARDS SUFFER MOST; VNAF HELICOPTER CREWS SUPPLEMENT SALARIES BY KILLING GAME.

12. NVN AND IRAN DECIDE ESTABLISH RELATIONS AT AMBASSADORIAL LEVEL. MOVE MAY CLEAR WAY IRAN JOIN ICCS (NYT, AP).

CHINA

13. AP TOKYO (WP) CITES EXCERPTS FROM NCNA REPORT BY 2 PRC JOURNALISTS WHO TOURED US IN MAY AND JUNE MENTIONING "HURDLES" ON ROAD TO FRIENDSHIP, BUT FORECASTING BETTER SINO-US RELATIONS. WRITERS FOUND SOME AMERICANS WHO WOULD NOT MEET WITH ANY REPS FROM PRC; ON OTHER HAND, THEY FELT "THERE COULD BE 50,000 AMERICAN PEOPLE VISITING CHINA EVERY DAY IF THE PEOPLE'S DESIRE FOR MORE CONTACTS WITH CHINA IS FULLY SATISFIED."

14. US PHARMACEUTICAL FIRM OFFICER SPENDS 13 DAYS IN PRC, EXCHANGES CONTRACEPTIVE INFORMATION AND MATERIALS WITH CHINESE. REPORTS "THEY WANT TO COLLABORATE" INTIMATELY AND AGREED TO PROVIDE HIS FIRM WITH FINDINGS OF THEIR CLINICAL TRIALS OF NEW BIRTH CONTROL SYSTEM (UPI, PHINQ).
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15. CSM'S PEGGY DURDIN REPORTS THAT PRICES FOR "ANTIQUES," THAT HAVE STEADILY INCREASED IN LAST 5 OR 20 YEARS, ROCKETED SHARPLY IN CHINA AND HONG KONG EARLY THIS SUMMER. BIG MARKUPS IN CHINESE CURIOS AT SUPPLY SOURCE, CHINA, IS BASIC BUT NOT ONLY REASON FOR HIGH PRICES IN HK; OTHERS ARE AFFLUENCE AND PURCHASING POWER OF JAPANESE AND INCREASING SCARCITY OF EVEN MEDIOCRE OLD JADE, PORCELAINS, IVORIES, EMBROIDERIES, CLOISONNE, PAINTINGS AND FURNITURE.

JAPAN

16. PAPERS REPORT TANAKA APPEARANCE ON "MEET THE PRESS". PM SAYS JAPAN WOULD PREFER TO REMAIN UNDER US NUCLEAR UMBRELLA RATHER THAN DEVELOP OWN ARSENAL. HE ALSO ARGUED FOR SEAT ON UNSC AND FOR INTERNATIONAL COOPERATION AMONG INDUSTRIALIZED COUNTRIES IN AREAS OF CURRENCY, ENERGY (ESPECIALLY OIL), AND ENVIRONMENTAL PROBLEMS (WP, CSM, WSJ). SUN REPORTS THAT IN ANSWER TO QUESTION IF WATERGATE HAD ENDED AMERICAN PRESTIGE AND AUTHORITY OVERSEAS, PM REPLIED "I FEEL SURE OF THE CAPACITY OF THE AMERICAN PEOPLE TO FIND A SOLUTION TO WATERGATE. YOUR LEADERSHIP ROLE, I THINK, WILL BE MAINTAINED." ON TRADE DIFFICULTIES, HE SAID THAT THESE CAN BE SOLVED, BUT INVITED AMERICAN BUSINESSMEN TO BE MORE AGGRESSIVE IN SELLING GOODS AND COMMODITIES TO JAPAN.

17. CSM REPORTS MAINICHI STORY FROM GOJ OFFICIALS

THAT US PLANS TO CONVENE INTERNATIONAL CONFERENCE
IN NEXT FEW MONTHS FOR CONSULTATIONS ON "KISSINGER
CONCEPT" FOR NEW ATLANTIC CHARTER.

18. OECD ANNUAL REVIEW PREDICTS JAPAN'S ECONOMY
WILL SLOW SLIGHTLY IN NEXT 12 MONTHS, DESCRIBES
INFLATION AS JAPAN'S MAJOR ECONOMIC PROBLEM, WARNS
THAT PRESENT POLICIES WILL FAIL TO HALT RISE IN
CONSUMER PRICES, AND URGES A REVIEW OF ANTI-INFLATION
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POLICIES. IN PARTICULAR, ADVISED REMOVING OR REDUCING
OBSTACLES TO IMPORTS (WP, SUN).

19. UPI REPORTS FROM TOKYO (CHITRIB) ON BUDDHIST
CEREMONY MARKING 11TH ANNIVERSARY OF MARILYN MONROE'S
DEATH.

PHILIPPINES

20. MILITARY ADVOCATE GENERAL ANNOUNCES 67 OFFICERS
AND MEN OF PAF WILL BE TRIED ON VARIOUS CHARGES,
INCLUDING MISCONDUCT. DISCLOSURE FOLLOWS SPEECH
BY MARCOS PROMISING PURGE OF MILITARY AND CIVIL GOVERN-
MENT OFFICIALS WHO HAD BEEN "BACKSLIDING INTO THE
VICES OF THE OLD SOCIETY".

SINGAPORE

21. HAK AND PM LEE KUAN YEW HELD PRIVATE MEETING
IN NY THIS WEEKEND TO REVIEW SITUATION IN SEA. TWO
MET FOR AN HOUR AT KENNEDY INTERNATIONAL AIRPORT.

PAPUA, NEW GUINEA

22. LAMB (LAT, IN WP) REPORTS FROM PORT MORESBY
ON BIENNIAL "SING-SING" (WHEN THOUSANDS OF STONE-
AGE WARRIORS AND THEIR FAMILIES CONGREGATE FOR ARCHERY
AND SPEAR-THROWING COMPETITIONS, DANCING, AND SINGING).
FESTIVAL BEGAN IN 1961 TTTO PROMOTE UNITY AMONG THE
WARRING TRIBES. THIS YEAR HIGHLAND FIGHTING HAS BEEN
PARTICULARLY VIOLENT AND FREQUENT, AND SING-SING
ASSUMED ADDED SIGNIFICANCE BECAUSE PAPUA NEW GUINEA
IS ON VERGE OF INDEPENDENCE. 400 NATIVE POLICEMEN
EQUIPPED WITH RIOT GEAR WERE ALSO IN ATTENDENCE.
CHIEF MINISTER SOMARE ADDRESSED CROWD OF 47,000 IN
PIDGIN ENGLISH AND ASKED FOR UNITY IN MOLDING TERRITORY
INTO COHESIVE NATION.

COMMENT AND ANALYSIS

23. SUN CALLS PRESIDENT'S LETTER INFORMING CONGRESSIONAL

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LEADERS THAT HE WILL COMPLY WITH BOMBING HALT "ACERBIC," NOTING HE ACCUSED CONGRESS OF UNDERMINING HIS EFFORTS FOR NEGOTIATED C-F AND WARNED OF THE "HAZARDS" AND "DANGEROUS POTENTIAL CONSEQUENCES" OF PATH CHOSEN BY CAPITOL HILL. CONTENDS THAT PRESIDENT'S TACTIC "JUST WON'T WASH," ADDING THAT CAMBODIA WAS HIS WAR AND HE CANNOT ESCAPE RESPONSIBILITY FOR HAVING GOTTEN THE NATION IN THE MESS FROM WHICH CONGRESS, HOWEVER IMPERFECTLY, IS TRYING TO DISENGAGE. MARQUIS CHILDS (SUN) REMARKS THAT POISON OF CORRUPTION HANGS HEAVY OVER CAMBODIA TRAGEDY AND THAT HOWEVER MUCH THE DECISION-MAKERS MAY BE SINGED BY FAILURES OF POLICY DOOMED FROM THE START, THE REAL VICTIMS ARE THE KHMER PEASANTS. ANTHONY LEWIS (NYT) EXPRESSES VIEW THAT CAMBODIA BOMBING MAY HAVE NO SIGNIFICANT EFFECT EXCEPT USELESS DEATH AND DESTRUCTION. SAYS PRES AND HAK BOMB CAMBODIA BECAUSE IT IS ALL THEY CAN THINK TO DO IN THEIR FRUSTRATION, AND THEY HAVE NOT RECOGNIZED THE TRUTH THAT "DURABLE PEACE" CAN COME ONLY WHEN THE US GIVES UP ITS FATEFUL PRETENTIONS TO POWER IN INDOCHINA.

24. NYT REPORT FROM HONG KONG OBSERVES THAT FLOW OF VISITORS HAS BEEN MOSTLY FROM US TO CHINA DESPITE PRESIDENT'S EXPRESSED HOPE A YEAR AND A HALF AGO THAT CHINESE AND AMERICAN PEOPLE WOULD HAVE AN OPPORTUNITY TO "COMMUNICATE WITH EACH OTHER, KNOW EACH OTHER AND SHARE WITH EACH OTHER THOSE PARTICULAR ENDEAVORS THAT WILL MEAN PEACEFUL PROGRESS IN THE YEARS AHEAD." SINCE PING-PONG DIPLOMACY, AMERICANS HAVE BEEN EXPOSED TO A BARRAGE OF INFO ABOUT CHINA VIA THE MASS MEDIA; ABOUT 3,000 AMERICANS -MANY OF WHOM ARE OF CHINESE ORIGINS - HAVE HAD A FIRST-HAND LOOK. BUT ONLY ABOUT 300 MAINLAND CHINESE HAVE VISITED THE US, AND IF ANY VISITING CHINESE HAVE BEEN FAVORABLY IMPRESSED BY THE US IT HAS NOT BEEN REPORTED IN THE CHINESE PRESS. THE ONLY REPORTS ON THE US IN THE CHINESE PRESS HAVE BEEN WRITTEN BY CORRESPONDENTS OF HSINHUA OR PEKING PAPERS, AND HAVE FOCUSED ON THE FRIENDLY FEELINGS OF AMERICANS TOWARD CHINESE AND THE INTEREST OF AMERICANS IN CHINA. OVER THE UNCLASSIFIED

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LAST WEEK, HSINHUA CARRIED THREE REPORTS ON US DEVELOPMENTS. ONE REPORTED THAT GRAIN STOCKS HAD DECLINED DRASTICALLY AND FOOD PRICES HAD GONE UP; A SECOND THAT THE US WOULD "PASS THE BLOODY MILESTONE OF TWO MILLION TRAFFIC DEATHS" NEXT YEAR; THE THIRD

REPORTED RIOTING IN DALLAS "TOUCHED OFF BY THE ATROCITY
OF A DALLAS POLICEMAN WHO SHOT TO DEATH A 12-YEAR-
OLD MEXICAN-AMERICAN BOY."

25. EVANS AND NOVAK (GLOBE AUG 3) CITE FIELD REPORTS
FROM VN AND DEPARTED OFFICIALS PASSING THROUGH WASHINGTON
AS AGREEING THAT NVN OFFENSIVE AGAINST SVN IS NOT
A QUESTION OF "IF" BUT "WHEN," GIVEN NVN COMBAT
READINESS AT NEW BASES IN SVN AND HANOI'S READING
THAT THE MOOD IN WASHINGTON WILL PREVENT PRES FROM
HELPING SVN. FSOS RETURNED TO SVN ON TDY WERE AMAZED
THAT PREVAILING PUBLIC ATTITUDE HAD SHIFTED FROM
NEUTRALITY TO BREAD-AND-BUTTER PREFERENCE FOR GVN.

CITE MOST SKEPTICAL US OBSERVERS AS BELIEVING
ARVN CAN STOP A GENERAL OFFENSIVE IF THE NECESSARY
LIFE-LINE OF US SUPPLIES IS NOT CHOKED OFF. EVEN
NOW, ARVN IS ON STARVATION RATIONS OF ARMS AND AMMO,
BUT FORCES IN CONGRESS COULD TOTALLY CUT THAT

LIFE-LINE, DOOMING ARVN AND SVN. ROGERS

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